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May 24, 1984

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

A recent letter to Senator Pell from Arms Control Director Adelman dated April 19, 1984, has been made available to all Senators. This letter contains a highly important official confirmation of Soviet violation of the 1963 Limited Test Ban Treaty:

" ... there continue to be numerous Soviet ventings involving dispersal of radioactive materials beyond Soviet borders and numerous U.S. demarches to the Soviet Union protesting this practice."

The Limited Test Ban Treaty explicitly prohibits Soviet underground tests of nuclear weapons from venting radioactive debris beyond Soviet borders. There have reportedly been over 30 unequivocal Soviet ventings of radioactive debris outside their borders.

Answers to several questions are respectfully requested:

1. Why were the LTBT violations not included in the January 23, 1984 Report to Congress on Soviet Non-Compliance With Arms Control Agreements?
2. How many Soviet ventings of nuclear debris outside their borders have occurred since 1963, and how many U.S. demarches to the Soviets on these ventings have been sent? What were the dates?
3. What have been the Soviet responses, if any, to these demarches?
4. What are the military implications of the Soviet LTBT violations for U.S. national security?

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5. What are the implications of Soviet violation of the LTBT for further progress in the arms control process?
6. What was the cause of the 1979 and 1980 "Flashes" in the South Atlantic? Were these atmospheric tests of nuclear weapons? Have the U.S. National Technical Means of verification degraded in their capability to detect nuclear weapons tests in the atmosphere? Were the Soviets involved, as some reports suggest?
7. Was the recent event reported by airline pilots in the North Pacific also an atmospheric nuclear test? Were the Soviets involved? Have these ventings and tests affected the world's weather?

The fundamental purpose of the LTBT was to prevent contamination of the whole world's atmosphere by radioactive fallout from nuclear weapons tests in the atmosphere. The Treaty's Preamble states that one of its purposes is "to put an end to the contamination of Man's environment by radioactive substances." The U.S. should do everything it can to ensure Soviet compliance with the environmental protection purpose of the LTBT.

Accordingly, we request a report to Congress as soon as possible on the environmental impact of the Soviet radioactive debris ventings outside the USSR in violation of the LTBT.

Thank you in advance for your prompt answer to the questions above.

With warmest personal regards.

Sincerely,

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Steve Symms

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